Patent Public Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

International Update: The Year Ahead



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Implementation Highlights

- CPC:
 - Transition completed January 1, 2015
 - More work ahead
- Hague Agreement: May 13
- First Global Dossier Service Single-portal Access to IP5 File Wrapper Information:
 - May USPTO examiners
 - December USPTO's public user interface



Global Dossier

- Task Force meeting held in January to identify the next service(s) to be delivered
- Industry priorities:
 - Proof of Concept (Change of Address)
 - Indication of Patent Legal Status
 - Applicant Name Standardization
 - Provision of XML Documents
 - Alert Function (Change of Status, Due Dates)
- Feasibility studies currently underway to determine next steps



Search Collaboration Pilots

- Pilot programs with JPO and KIPO starting late-summer 2015
- Based on First Action Interview (FAI) Program
 - JPO exchange of search information will occur prior to the USPTO examiner establishing Pre-Interview Communication (PIC)
 - KIPO independent search results from both KIPO and the USPTO will be provided to applicant at time of PIC
- Federal Register Notice (FRN) forthcoming
- We'll need applicant participation to make these pilots successful
- Awareness and marketing of these pilot programs will occur once FRN is released



Stakeholder Outreach

Focusing on Education, Promotion and Understanding Stakeholder Needs

- Global Dossier: Refine user needs and promote public access service
- PPH: Stakeholder survey to gauge awareness and identify improvements
- IP Industry Meetings: Promote international programs, services and tools



Questions and Comments?

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